GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH MISSION
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) throughout the country to improve health care delivery ;

(b) if so, whether people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is fully dependent upon the health care services available to the people in the maintained ;

(c) if so, whether the people of Islands will also be covered by the programmes under the National Rural Health Mission ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Yes Sir, the National Rural Health Mission has been launched on 12.4.2005 for the entire country with special focus in 18 States whose socio-demographic indices are vulnerable and who have poor public health infrastructure.These include the states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, M.P. U.P. Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

(b)&(c) The people of the islands are also covered under the National Rural Health Mission.The Mission seeks to decentralize the planning process and strengthen the Primary Health infrastructure including at the village and block level.The Mission also seeks to bring the services at the CHCs up to the level of the Indian Pubic Health Standards so that specialized care is available closer to the community.

(d) Not applicable.